

# **JOB DESCRIPTION**

# TITLE: READING SPECIALIST (6-8)

## **PRIMARY FUNCTION:**

The primary responsibilities of the Reading Specialist in grades 6-8 is to support the school's reading and writing programs across disciplines. The Reading Specialist supports administrators and teachers at the assigned school in the implementation of a comprehensive literacy program. The Reading Specialist provides coaching, modeling, and guidance for teachers in best practices for literacy instruction. Position conducts staff development, models lessons, conducts classroom visitations and provides feedback to teachers and administrators on the school's literacy program. Position is responsible for analyzing school literacy data and planning for future literacy needs. Position assists with screening, evaluation, recommending interventions, and providing specialized instruction to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who have been identified to receive additional support in the areas of reading. Position conferences, as requested, with parents/guardians regarding student performance and intervention needs in the areas of reading and writing.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. Must hold a current standard Virginia Postgraduate Professional License with an endorsement for Reading Specialist.
- 2. Must have completed at least three years of successful teaching experience.
- 3. Must possess a strong knowledge base in the science of reading and instructional best practices.
- 4. Must exhibit strong communication and interpersonal skills to work effectively with teachers and instructional staff.

### **REPORTS TO:** Building Principal

**EVALUATION:** Performance on this job will be evaluated annually in accordance with school board policy.

Please feel free to contact the Reading Specialists at your child's school if you have questions about literacy development or the reading and writing programs.